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Tit For Tat

Mr. Juan Mari Bras, secretary general of the Pro Independence Movement (PIM), said last week that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was responsible for attacks on a group of independentista youths during a protest march last Wednesday against compulsory military service for Puerto Ricans.

The CIA must be real busybodies to organize a small group of students favoring statehood, supply them with rotten eggs, stones and bottles to hurl at the independentista youth marchers. Mr. Mari Bras doesn't like the CIA and therefore he may be prejudiced in his accusations that whenever the PIM gets hooted or egged that the CIA is behind it.

Mr. Mari Bras likes Fidel Castro and has said so many times. He has sought and received the support, at least according to him, of the Castroites in his campaign for Puerto Rican independence. It would be tit for tat if the CIA was giving of its time and taxpayer money to fighting the PIM here in Puerto Rico, but it is subject to reasonable doubt that the CIA takes the PIM that seriously or that the young statehooders have been recruited to act on the spur of the moment when the PIM youths demonstrate. Maybe the statehood youths are simply exercising the same right of protest.